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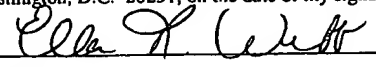
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Serial No. 09/917,179

Filed: July 27, 2001

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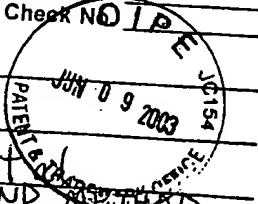
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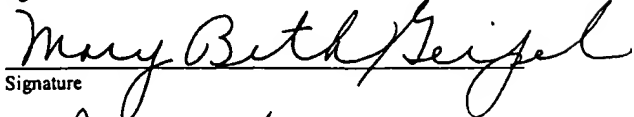
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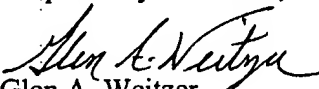
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